

*Amendments to the Specification*

Please amend the specification as follows:

- [0001]       ~~This application claims priority to the following provisional applications:~~
- [0002]       ~~U.S. Patent Serial No. 60/182,470, entitled "Intelligent Silence Suppression," filed February 15, 2000, by Gummalla *et al.*, (still pending) (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).~~
- [0003]       ~~U.S. Patent Serial No. 60/247,188 (Attorney Docket No. CPH 40892 (BP 1560), entitled "A Local Scheduling Mechanism for Cable Modems," filed November 9, 2000, by Sala *et al.*, (still pending) (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).~~
- [0004]       ~~U.S. Patent Serial No. 60/254,415 (Attorney Docket No. CPH 40892 (BP 1560.1), entitled "A Local Scheduling Mechanism for Cable Modems," filed December 8, 2000, by Sala *et al.*, (still pending) (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).~~
- [0005]       ~~U.S. Patent Serial No. 60/262,201 (Attorney Docket No. CPH 41359 (BP 1702), entitled "Voice Scheduling Algorithms," filed January 17, 2001, by Sala *et al.*, (still pending) (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).~~
- [0006]       ~~U.S. Patent Serial No. 60/262,203 (Attorney Docket No. CPH 41362 (BP 1705), entitled "Concatenation of Requests at CMTS," filed January 17, 2001, by Sala *et al.*, (still pending) (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).~~
- [0007]       ~~This application claims priority to the following non-provisional application:~~
- [0008]       ~~U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/427,792, entitled "System and Method for Multiplexing Data from Multiple Sources," filed October 27, 1999, by Limb *et al.*, (still pending) (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).~~